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PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any new proposal to make available pre-primary education available all over the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): At present, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programme is being implemented through out the country. The scheme provides a package of services, which include Health Education and Non-Formal Education. Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) centres have also been set up under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP), which is being implemented in 273 districts of 18 States. The newly launched scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which would cover the entire country, also provides for ECCE in convergence with ICDS .